THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), based on data received from State Government, compiles State/UT-wise, crime head-wise details of Crimes against children (upto 18 years of age). The figures for 2001 to 2003 are given in the Annexure and they indicate a mixed trend. [*See* appendix 205 Annexure No. 8]

(c) and (d) The rank of Andhra Pradesh at the National level in crimes against children was 8th in 2002 and 4th in 2003.

(e) As per statistics complied by the NCRB, the cases registered under Child Marriage Restraint Act during the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 were 85, 113 and 63 respectively, while total number of cases of crimes against children registered were 10814, 10469 and 11633 respectively.

(f) The Government of India has enacted the 'Child Marriage Restraint Act' to prevent incidence of child marriages in the country. The administration and implementation of the Act is the responsibility of the State Governments.

Modernisation of forensic science laboratory, Sagar

†2425. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have forwarded any proposal regarding modernization, building construction and purchase of equipments for forensic science laboratory, Sagar;

(b) if so, the decision Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) time by when Government would release the amount sought for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent their annual plan for modernisation of State police forces for 2005-06 in which the requirement of forensic science laboratory at Sagar for various equipment has been included amounting to Rs.95.00 lakh. The proposal is being examined.

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